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Report for Meeting of June 9, 2022

Greetings from the plush corner office that has an incredible view of nearly summer. The days have been pleasant and warm for the past couple of weeks, perfect baseball weather. I have started writing this on Thursday, June 2nd, and am getting ready to umpire the final regular season game for the spring. Playoffs start next week which will present a challenge to scheduling. I have a game on Tuesday afternoon, and have made arrangements to have Brett Jones open the office for Budget Committee.

Thanks to all who helped with the Memorial Day ceremony. We enjoyed our weekend out of town, taking in a Sea Dogs game and representing the fire department. Our granddaughter was in attendance, and made it through 5-innings (more than the starting pitcher for Portland).

You've got a very busy meeting schedule – much of it in <u>executive session</u>. You're starting at 6PM – Jennifer will meet with you right after closing time. Chris Meyer will be in for 6:30, and Debbie Verrill-McFarland will be in around 7:45 to meet with you at the end, then you can tackle the Hodgkins Scholarship Applications. We have about a half dozen applicants this year.

A reminder that Larissa is unable to attend this meeting, so it'll just be the other four.

Minutes of May 19, 2022 – Please look over the minutes and get me any corrections.

<u>Warrant 27</u> – This is the warrant I asked you to sign the week before your meeting. I did move \$150,000 from investments to checking to cover the checks. I'm not sure what the next school AP Warrant will be, but hopefully, that will cover the rest of the months warrants. Maybe.

Warrant 28 – There will be two school warrants on that most likely, and they should be the final warrants for the fiscal year. Any bills between now and next Thursday will be on there as well.

<u>Cash & Budget Reports</u> – We're looking very good as the fiscal year nears an end. We're well over budget on excise taxes, a little behind on property tax and investment interest, but well ahead on Municipal Revenue Sharing. Expenses are less than budgeted, so I am optimistic that we'll end the fiscal year well into the black. I'll post the warrant and budget reports on line with periodic updates and print the report for the meeting.

<u>Checking Account Reconciliation</u> – That was sent via e-mail yesterday (June 1st). All balanced well. Bring me your questions!

Property Tax 30-day Notices – I expect to start working on those for next week. Once we reconcile, I'll print the list for you.

<u>Bid Openings</u> – We have bids due for road work, mowing, and the Harbor Mooring survey.

Employment Contracts – Rebecca has signed her contract as CEO. I anticipate that we'll reach agreement with Jennifer and Chris as well. I've printed Jennifer's proposed contract, and hope to have one for Chris ready for the meeting.

Special Town Meeting Warrant – I've drafted up the warrant based on the school budget. The only other thing on there is the fire department restitution ordinance, though I am likely to add an article creating a couple of fund clarifications (Whitcomb Woods Fund and one other that escapes me currently).

Road Naming Orders – The new subdivision on Douglas Highway has two road names that need assigning. The developer has suggested Ballpark Lane and Farm's Edge Road. (I suggested something to do with baseball given the history of the property). I will draw up the naming orders for approval and signature.

"The Mudflat". – Kathleen was interviewed by this on-line paper regarding the aforementioned subdivision and its access to the shore. I look forward to seeing the article.

Cyber Insurance – Our insurance carrier has requested that we pass some policies that they require for computer security. I've put the e-mail in your packet, but have not drawn up policies. They will be a major change in the way we work things in the office, and certainly will NOT lead to efficiency of operation.

Mass Care/Economic Distress – The County Emergency Management Agency has sent over some guidance in the event of a major economic catastrophe. It's in your packet.

Meeting Dates – After your last meeting you had asked about inviting Trenton here to meet on the 30th. Jo then e-mailed to say we could go there on the 28th instead, as she is not available for the June 30th meeting. I have communicated that to the Trenton Administrator, and they're expecting us at 7PM, and we'll be high up on the agenda!

Your next regular meeting will be on the 30th –which will be 3-weeks between meeitngs. I'll need a warrant signed on the 23rd I suspect. The bills keep coming! And, if you could set dates for July and August, that would be helpful.

Now that "No Mow May" is done, my lawn is screaming to be mowed this weekend! See you on Thursday.

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